

# Protect Our Soldiers, Mr. President, Clergyman Pleads



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## U.S. War Department Orders Race Mixed

### Rev. J. C. Austin Asks Real New Deal For Group

Baptist Minister Warns That Men Fight Out of Love

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Declaring that the hosts of Negro Baptist in the race in expecting the chief America join with all members of executive of the nation to see that Negro soldiers are granted protection and freedom within the borders of their own country, the Rev. J. C. Austin, speaking in advance of the National Baptist Convention, the presidency of which he is seeking, said in a letter Monday to President Roosevelt:

"Information comes to me through personal correspondence and through the press of brutalities and injustices heaped upon Negro soldiers in the south, who are preparing themselves to fight, and if necessary, die for their country. In order to be a good soldier, one must be imbued with the supreme sacrifice for the thing for which he fights. Good fighters don't fight out of fear, but, rather, out of love.

#### DANGER IN SYSTEM

"Frankly, Mr. President, a system which discriminates against, oppresses and brutally mistreats a citizen cannot be considered by that citizen a system worth fighting for. Negro soldiers in southern training camps have recently, so I am informed, been beaten and murdered while wearing their country's uniform. What a disgrace to the uniform of the country and to the constitution and the flag. And what a joke we become before the grand march of tyranny as we lift our voices against the

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### Jackson Teachers' Institute Booked September 8-12

The Jackson Teachers' Institute will be held at the Lanier High School building, beginning Monday, September 8th, and ending Friday, September 12, 1941.

Teachers and P. T. A. members living in the Jackson area will find it quite profitable to attend the institute throughout the week. The afternoon department discussions will be most helpful to persons interested in the educational welfare of the children.

The group meetings will be held each day from 9:00 to 3:00 P. M. Visitors may elect to attend any of the groups they desire. The general assembly will be held at 3:45 P. M. each day.

### State Delegates At California Letter Carriers' Confab

The Mississippi delegates to the annual convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers left for Los Angeles, California, where this year's convention will be held for five days, beginning on September 6th. Traveling by car, the party plans to arrive in Los Angeles by Sunday, August 31st.

The party is composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Thomas and Mr. Ben P. Newman, who is the oldest letter carrier in point of service in Jackson. He is delegate for the State-at-large and Mr. Dixon is delegate from the Jackson Chapter of the Association.

### State Draft To Call 508 Youths In September

According to information recently released by the State Selective Service Headquarters at Jackson, 508 Colored youths will be drafted from the State in September. With only 460 white youths to be called, this will be the first time that the number of Colored youths drafted will outnumber the white. In explaining the circumstances General Grayson stated that the increase in camps and training facilities for Colored selectees made it possible to select the larger number and thus balance the quota of each group.

### Mississippi Negro Fair Warns Of False Solicitation

The Mississippi Negro State Fair Association which will hold its 15th annual exhibition at the Negro State Fairgrounds October 13-18, 1941, wishes to make it known that no one has been authorized to solicit any funds whatever for the maintenance of the fair nor for the promotion of the fair, according to Negro State Fair officials here. No one has been authorized to solicit any prize money nor any token whatever for prizes.

The Mississippi Negro State Fair Association wishes to state further that it has authorized no one to solicit advertisements for the Mississippi Negro State Fair Association's Bulletin which will soon be off the press.

Please let it be known, states H. H. Young, president, that it has come to our attention that funds and advertisements have been solicited but not received said funds, nor any compensation from advertisements solicited.

**JOSHUA JONES**  
By I. P. REYNOLDS  
Bro. Jones says they say there are some things money can't buy, but the "some" must be the things people don't want.

### Homestead Heights, Jackson's First All-Colored FHA Subdivision, Presents Outstanding Construction Features

Of much interest to those prospective home owners who have already consulted Reid-McGee and Company regarding the purchase of a home in Homestead Heights, Jackson's first FHA all colored subdivision, are the number of outstanding new features being added to the construction of the houses now being built in the development.

The feature which has attracted the most favorable comments are the asphalt tile floor of the kitchen, the built-in bath tub and hardwood floor in living room and bedroom. Each house is also equipped with electric chime doorbells.

These features add both to the beauty and permanence of the houses and have been added by the company at considerable cost, but with no increase in cost to the buyer.

Another feature to be appreciated by those who buy homes in Homestead Heights is the building restrictions which limits the type of structure, such as garages and other houses to be built that might tend to mar the beauty of the development.

In the construction of the houses each house will be of a different design so as to present to the appearance suggesting the quarters types of development practiced in most instances with respect to colored homes.

With the property being developed solely for home owners, Homestead Heights offers, in addition to the above 15-20 years insured FHA loans, city sewerage, city electric lights, gravel streets and outlets for use of modern

electric appliances and radio with each house.

The houses in Homestead are in every detail modern and up to date, and can be purchased at a minimum own payment, with monthly payment, which include taxes, insurance, interest and principal at \$14.85 per month.

With a number of houses already completed Reid-McGee and company extends to the colored people an invitation to go out and inspect this modern all colored subdivision.

### Seek Longer Terms For Hinds County Colored Schools

The Hinds County Unit of the Mississippi Educational Council will conduct a meeting at the Lynch Street CME Church in Jackson on September 4th to discuss ways and means of getting longer school terms in the county.

Considerable interest was shown at a state meeting in Jackson a few weeks ago when Dr. P. H. Eason, State Supervisor of Public Schools for the Colored, was present.

T. B. Wilson, Hinds County Chairman, urgently requests all citizens who are interested in seeing a change in the present status of the schools to be present at the coming meeting.

### Just In Case Mr. Hitler Does Come-

Private First Class John Whittington Will Be Ready



Despite obstacles, Negro troops last week were hard at work in maneuvers, preparing for the protection of their homeland and the probable aggression of "that man." Photograph shows practice on rifle range by the 372 Infantry stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. Private First Class John Whittington, of Atlantic City, N. J., firing and Corporal Linwood Hubbard, Atlantic N. J., coaching (ANP Photo).

### Indicted Planter Seeks Whitewash

CHICAGO — (ANP) — William Toliver Cunningham, white Georgia planter, indicted for holding and attempting to place Negroes in peonage, Oglethorpe county, Ga., is having a petition signed by the so-called "upper crust" Negroes of the county to the effect that he is "whiter than snow" — so says Atty. William Henry Huff, chief counsel for the Abolish Peonage committee.

The information also says that John Cunningham, who has been mentioned by many refugees as a peonage operator in the county, is one of the signers of the petition. John Cunningham, the brother-in-law of Hamilton McWhorter, lives on the plantation of Walter Faust, white. Another signer of the petition is "Prof." George W. Nowells.

Says Atty. Huff, "Neither of these colored brethren represents the decent and respectable opinion of the Negro citizens of the county of fear so prevalent in Oglethorpe county. However, that county could compel some of the better element of Negroes to sign for 'Capt. Willie'."

Averting that he knew the history of every Negro of any consequence in the county, he stated that he was not afraid to make that history known. Mentioning Harold Johnson, white, who tried to break up peonage at Winterville, Ga., several years ago, he stated that Johnson's suicide was caused by Negro stool pigeons who betrayed him in his humanitarian fight for the freedom of Oglethorpe county

Negroes.

The attorney further stated that while a few were trying to whitewash the Georgia planter, some of the leading white people of Georgia were furnishing the committee with all the information needed, keeping him informed on all Negro enemies of the cause.

### 99th Pursuit Squad Busy With Activity

TUSKEGEE — (ANP) — Eight new cadets reported at Tuskegee institute Saturday to take the processing course to fit them for entry into the 99th army air corps pursuit squadron. The 12 initial cadets completed five weeks' processing Saturday and are to make their first flights on Tuskegee field Monday.

Capt. Rainey, Boston, reported for duty in the quartermaster division of the 99th. The personnel of the 99th will be a complete unit in itself with every phase of the work, business, health, and military, self-contained.

In the elementary flying program for the army air corps training detachment, Capt. Noel S. Parrish is army supervisor, Capt. Benjamin O. Davis, infantry, C. L. Washington, civilian director, Charles Anderson, flight instructor, and Elliott Grey, chief mechanic.

### Follows FDR Order Banning Discrimination

Negroes Being Integrated Into 'Closed' Brackets

WASHINGTON — (A N P) — The war department capitulated last week to the President's executive order, dated June 25, when in a memorandum to the executive of five of all divisions of the vast department instructions were issued that colored workers were to be hired when qualified.

In a separate letter, attention was called to the President's order, and department heads were notified that colored eligibles sent them must be hired, regardless of race or creed.

And in carrying out the instructions as ordered, colored girls are being integrated into various departments hitherto closed to colored workers. Two have been sent to the finance department, two have been sent to the ordnance department and more are coming in daily.

Sending the girls in two's eliminates any possibility of friction with white workers and gives the pair the feeling of security.

The official order on this was issued on August 19, covering the entire war department.

The action of the fair practice committee in declaring it had jurisdiction over the civil service workers in defense program is believed to have much to do with the breaking down of this barrier, although the war department has been more lenient in these cases than has its neighbor, the smoot navy department.

Most of the departments in the War department are cooperating with the order and colored workers are expected to receive a better break in this division of the government.

### 17 Lbs. Of Boy Twins!

GRiffin, Ga. — (SWS) — Rev. and Mrs. Wayman J. Johnson, of this city, are the happy recipients of many congratulations upon the arrival of a pair of fine sons August 11. They are named Paul Freeman and (Continued on Back Page)

### Commanding Gen. Gives Version Of Difficulty

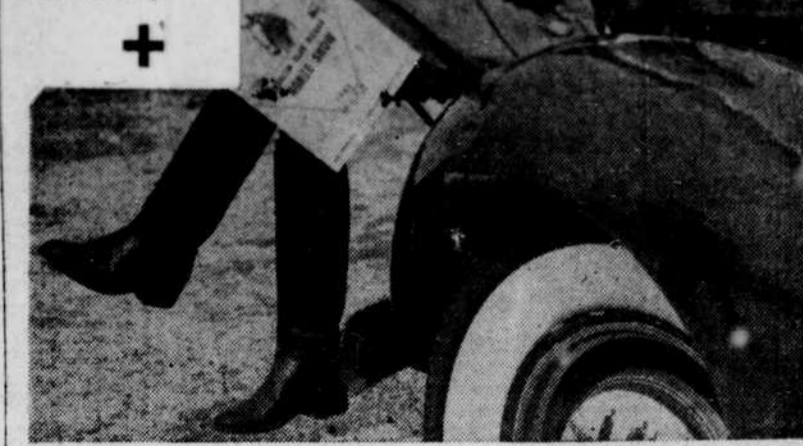
CAMP ROBINSON, Ark. — (ANP) — Major Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commanding general of the seventh army corps and in charge of the soldiers in this area where difficulties arose between members of the 94th engineers, people of the town of Gurdon and state police, last week, gave a personal account of the occurrence and assurance that the rights of the men would be protected, in an interview granted to the Associated Negro Press this Saturday. Gen. Robinson, who put his views on paper, said:

"A full investigation of the matter disclosed that a few of the soldiers of the 94th engineers were alleged to have conducted themselves in a rowdy manner in the town of Gurdon, cursing some of the white inhabitants. This action engendered much ill feeling on the part of the white inhabitants.

"The next day further difficulty occurred between the state police and the Negro troops on the highway, which, the report of the state superintendent of

### Southern Belle At Horse Show

'Twas a Great day for the horses and the photographers at the Harlem horse show last week-end. Here Miss Francine Everett, of Durham, N. C. is shown in riding habit as she watches the events at Speedway Gardens. First of its kind ever held in New York, the event was for the benefit of the New York Urban League and Hope Day Hospital, two of Harlem's worthiest charities. — (International News Photo)



### Tales Of Heroism Follow Disaster

NEW YORK — (ANP) — The bodies of 16 Negro longshoremen have been identified and eight others were still missing Friday following the \$2,000,000 fire that whipped across Pier 27, East river, and changed the New York and Cuba Mail line steamer Panuco into a burning mass of tangled plates and charred embers last Monday afternoon.

Various governmental agencies immediately plunged into the separate inquiries to determine the cause and place responsibility for the record devastation that in the space of 10 minutes transformed the entire waterfront south of the Brooklyn bridge into a blackout area bristling with death and destruction traveling on a roller coaster.

For days now the river has been giving up bodies, and others, charred beyond recognition, many skeletons have been removed from the bulk of the Panuco which had been towed down to the Gowanus Flats there to burn out.

The harrowing experiences of many of the members of Local 968, International Longshoremen's association, who had been assigned to unloading the death ship, will live long in their memories for escape in any way was a difficult thing so rapidly did the flames spread.

#### SABOTAGE DISCOUNTED

Testimony taken at the hearing conducted by the bureau of marine navigation last week tended to discount sabotage as the cause. The other thought advanced was the possibility a stevedore stealing a few moments off for a smoke might have carelessly thrown away his cigarette thereby setting fire to much inflammable stores that lay round. A flying spark from one of the engine compartments of the ship has been advanced as a possible cause.

A check at union headquarters brought the information from George Pollack, president of the all-colored local, that six gangs were at work on the unloading and loading job of the Panuco. His local had furnished four of them. The other two were white. A gang consists of 20 men which would make the number of Negroes involved 100 and the whites 20. There were possibly other whites on the docks not particularly longshoremen.

According to some of the stories gathered there were some 18 Negroes working in the three holds in the forward end of the ship, the part nearest the strip. A single

#### SMITH TELLS DRAMA

Illustrative of the drama that occurred in more instances than one (Continued on Back Page)

### Marian Anderson To Appear In Jackson October 20

The Jackson Music Association and Harmonia Club, Inc., are presenting the "WORLD FAMOUS CONTRALTO", Marian Anderson, in concert on Monday, October 20, 1941 at 8:15 P. M. at the City Auditorium in Jackson, Mississippi. Excellent seating arrangements have been provided in the Orchestra, as well as the balcony.

These organizations are fortunate in being able to present this world-famous artist, and we feel confident that you, as patrons of good music, will cooperate fully and enjoy with us this concert which will be long remembered. We urge you to buy your tickets early.

### Christian Rescue Mission Launched In Jackson

A state-wide Christian Rescue Mission Service has been launched, of which Jackson, Mississippi is its local birthplace and Home Management Office.

The Rescue Mission is an organization founded upon the spirit of being charitable to those that are in need, whom by certain procedures have failed to obtain proper care from destitute conditions.

The idea originated by Rev. D. C. Griffin and several others who now constitutes the personnel of the Christian Rescue Mission Staff. The Mission is mostly concerned of

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### Chicago Police Hold Jackson Murderer

Bennie Bryant, Jackson Negro wanted for the murder of Eva Jenkins, Negro woman back in 1936, is being held by Chicago police, the Jackson police department was advised today.

Bryant, who fled after the killing was indicted at the next term of court, but had never been apprehended. On a tip that he was in Chicago, Jackson police notified the officers there some time ago, but he was never picked up until arrested last week under another charge of rape.

Police here have placed a detainer against him, to return him here for trial when Chicago officers are through with him. He allegedly murdered the Jenkins woman in an argument over money.